## Trout Fishing Regulations for Roaring River

Missouri Department of Conservation in cooperation with The Missouri Department of Natural Resources

- Trout fishing is permitted in accordance with the Wildlife Code and posted restrictions daily from March 1st to October 31st, and during the winter catch and release season. Throughout out the year all anglers shall have a state fishing permit except those 15 years and younger or Missouri residents 65 years and older.
- Each angler shall sign and display a daily trout tag purchased on the area. The state wide daily limit is 4 trout, regardless of the number of daily tags purchased or waters fished. No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after harvesting a daily limit of 4 trout anywhere in Missouri.
- Each angler shall keep their trout separate at all times and identified with their name and address.
- Daily Limit 4 trout. Possession limit 8 trout. All brown trout less than 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after capture. There is no minimum length limit on rainbow trout.
- Only a single pole or rod may be used. Gigging, snaring, snagging and the taking of live bait are NOT permitted.
- No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after having four trout in possession.
- The use of game fish or parts thereof for bait is prohibited, nor is chumming



From the hatchery to the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek, scented and unscented soft plastic baits, artificial lures, and flies may be used. No other natural and scented bait may be used. Dough bait, putty, or paste type bait is prohibited.



From the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek to the old dam in the lower campground, only flies may be used. In the area of Zone 2 designated as catch and release only (from the posted sign at the mouth of Dry Hollow Creek to the Posted sign below the bridge on Highway F) trout may not be possessed and must be returned to the water unharmed immediately. This portion of Zone 2 is designated as a multiple use area with wading and swimming allowed. Fishing is not permitted on the South bank (bluff side) from the posted sign near the old dam to the posted sign near campground 2 in Zone 2.



From the old dam to the park boundary, natural and scented baits, soft plastic baits, artificial lures, and flies may be used. The area from the first bride below the old dam to the border of the park may be fished with either a daily tag or a trout permit.

## Hours of Fishing in Missouri Trout Parks

		Opens	Closes	
Month	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
March	6:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
April		7:00 A.M.		7:30 P.M.
May		6:30 A.M.		8:15 P.M.
June		6:30 A.M.		8:30 P.M.
July		6:30 A.M.		8:30 P.M.
August		7:00 A.M.		8:00 P.M.
September		7:30 A.M.		7:15 P.M.
October		7:30 A.M.		6:30 P.M.
***Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8 and Continues the Rest of the Season***				

Winter Catch & Release Trout Fishing Hours at Bennett Spring			
2nd Friday in November to 2nd Monday in February			
8:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday Only			

## Winter Catch-and-Release Season

- Winter catch-and-release season is from the second Friday in November to the Second Monday in February. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday only.
- All anglers must possess a Trout Permit during the winter catch and release season.
- The area open for winter fishing is from the hatchery to the bridge below the old dam in the lower campground.
- Only flies are permitted during the winter catch and release season. A fly is defined as an artificial lure constructed on a single point hook, using any material except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait that is tied, glued or otherwise permanently attached.

## **Special Permits:**

- The Department of Conservation may issue special fishing permits for specified dates without cost to supervised groups involved in rehabilitation programs or groups of hospital patients or persons with disabilities under therapy. To obtain this permit, contact the Hatchery Manager (417) 847 2430. Be sure to ask that the daily tag be waived as well as fishing permit.
- Any resident of Missouri having a visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye with maximum correction, or having twenty degrees or less field of visual concentric contraction, and any resident who is so severely and permanently disabled as to be unable to move freely without the aid of a wheelchair, may fish without permit (does not include daily tag) provided while fishing he/she carries a certified statement of eligibility from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist or from a licensed physician.
- Any honorably discharged resident veteran having a service related disability of sixty percent or more or who was a prisoner of war during military service may fish without a permit (except daily tag and trout permit) providing he/she carries a statement of eligibility from the Veterans Administration.
- Also see Reserving First Hole http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/hatchery/roaring